

WASHINGTON “ Congressman John W. Olver (D - 1st District) announced today that the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has awarded \$297,000 in grants to arts organizations in Hampden, Hampshire and Berkshire counties.

"NEA officials have informed me that western Massachusetts arts programs have earned over \$297,000 in grants from the NEA.

The grants awarded by the NEA are as follows:

- 1) Amherst Writers & Artists Press “ Amherst \$5,000
- 2) Double Edge Theatre Productions, Inc. “ Ashfield \$10,000
- 3) Enchanted Circle Theater “ Holyoke \$7,000
- 4) Shakespeare & Company, Inc. “ Lenox \$25,000
- 5) Trustees of the Berkshire Museum “ Pittsfield \$10,000
- 6) Williams College “ Williamstown \$30,000
- 7) Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute “ Williamstown \$80,000
- 8) Williamstown Art Conservation Center, Inc. “ Williamstown \$80,000
- 9) Jacob°s Pillow Dance Festival, Inc. “ Lee \$50,000

"We must continue to encourage the talent of our artists, both young and old. It is necessary to support the arts in our communities.

OLVER ANNOUNCES A TOTAL OF \$297,000 NEA GRANTS FOR HAMPDEN, HAMPSHIRE AND BERKSHIR

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